

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 3

Resolved, That a committee of two Members be appointed by the Speaker on the part of the House of Representatives to join with a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has assembled and Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to join a committee on the part of the Senate to notify the President of the United States that a quorum of each House has been assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY] and the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT].

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO INFORM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER AND THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 4) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 4

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to inform the President of the United States that the House of Representatives has elected Newt Gingrich, a Representative from the State of Georgia, Speaker; and Robin H. Carle, a citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Clerk of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fifth Congress.

The resolution was agreed to.

RULES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I call up a privileged resolution (H. Res. 5) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 5

Resolved, That the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, including applicable provisions of law or concurrent resolution that constituted rules of the House at the end of the One Hundred Fourth Congress, are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Fifth Congress, with the following amendments:

SECTION 1. POSTPONEMENT OF CORRECTIONS VOTES.

In clause 5(b)(1) of rule I, strike subdivisions (E) and (F), and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(E) the question of agreeing to a motion to recommit a bill considered pursuant to clause 4 of rule XIII;

"(F) the question of ordering the previous question on a question described in subdivision (A), (B), (C), (D), or (E);

"(G) the question of agreeing to an amendment to a bill considered pursuant to clause 4 of rule XIII; and

"(H) the question of agreeing to a motion to suspend the rules."

SEC. 2. OBSOLETE REFERENCES TO "CONTINGENT FUND".

(a) In clause 8 of rule I—

(1) in the first sentence, strike "contingent fund of the House" and insert in lieu thereof "applicable accounts of the House described in clause 1(h)(1) of rule X"; and

(2) in the second sentence, strike "contingent fund" and insert in lieu thereof "applicable accounts of the House described in clause 1(h)(1) of rule X".

(b) In clause 1(c) of rule XI, strike "contingent fund of the House" and insert in lieu thereof "applicable accounts of the House described in clause 1(h)(1) of rule X".

(c) In clause 4(a) of rule XI, strike "contingent fund of the House" and insert in lieu thereof "applicable accounts of the House described in clause 1(h)(1) of rule X".

(d) In clause 6(f) of rule XI, strike "contingent fund" and insert in lieu thereof "applicable accounts of the House described in clause 1(h)(1) of rule X".

SEC. 3. DRUG TESTING IN THE HOUSE.

In rule I, add the following new clause at the end:

"13. The Speaker, in consultation with the Minority Leader, shall develop through an appropriate entity of the House a system for drug testing in the House of Representatives. The system may provide for the testing of any Member, officer, or employee of the House, and otherwise shall be comparable in scope to the system for drug testing in the executive branch pursuant to Executive Order 12564 (Sept. 15, 1986). The expenses of the system may be paid from applicable accounts of the House for official expenses."

SEC. 4. POLICY DIRECTION AND OVERSIGHT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.

(a) In clause 1 of rule V, strike "the Speaker and" in both places it appears.

(b) In clause 2 of rule V, strike "the Speaker or".

SEC. 5. BUDGET JURISDICTION CHANGES.

(a) In clause 1(d)(3) of rule X (relating to the Committee on the Budget), strike "congressional budget process" and insert in lieu thereof "budget process."

(b) In clause 1(g)(4) of rule X (relating to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight), strike "Budget and accounting measures, generally" and insert in lieu thereof "Government management and accounting measures, generally."

SEC. 6. DESIGNATING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE.

(a) In clause 1(f) of rule X, strike "Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities" and insert in lieu thereof "Committee on Education and the Workforce".

(b) In clause 3(c) of rule X, strike "Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities" and insert in lieu thereof "Committee on Education and the Workforce".

SEC. 7. REQUIREMENT OF APPROVAL FOR SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN COMPLAINTS.

In clause 4(d) of rule X—

(a) strike "The Committee" and insert in lieu thereof "(1) The Committee";

(b) strike "(1) examining" and insert in lieu thereof "(A) examining";

(c) strike "(2) providing" and insert in lieu thereof "(B) providing";

(d) strike "(3) accepting" and insert in lieu thereof "(C) accepting"; and

(e) add the following new subparagraph at the end:

"(2) An employing office of the House of Representatives may enter a settlement of a complaint under the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 that provides for the payment of funds only after receiving the joint approval of the chairman and the ranking minority party member of the Committee on

House Oversight concerning the amount of such payment."

SEC. 8. SPECIAL AUTHORITIES FOR CERTAIN REPORTS.

(a) In clause 1(b) of rule XI—

(1) designate the existing matter as subparagraph (1); and

(2) add the following new subparagraphs at the end:

"(2) A proposed investigative or oversight report shall be considered as read in committee if it has been available to the members for at least 24 hours (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays except when the House is in session on such a day).

"(3) A report of an investigation or study conducted jointly by more than one committee may be filed jointly, provided that each of the committees complies independently with all requirements for approval and filing of the report.

"(4) After an adjournment of the last regular session of a Congress sine die, an investigative or oversight report may be filed with the Clerk at any time, provided that if a member gives timely notice of intention to file supplemental, minority, or additional views, that member shall be entitled to not less than seven calendar days in which to submit such views for inclusion with the report."

(b) In clause 1(d) of rule XI, add the following new subparagraph at the end:

"(4) After an adjournment of the last regular session of a Congress sine die, the chairman of a committee may file a report pursuant to subparagraph (1) with the Clerk at any time and without approval of the committee, provided that a copy of the report has been available to each member of the committee for at least seven calendar days and includes any supplemental, minority, or additional views submitted by a member of the committee."

SEC. 9. COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS ON INTERNET.

In clause 2(e) of rule XI, add the following new subparagraph at the end:

"(4) Each committee shall, to the maximum extent feasible, make its publications available in electronic form."

SEC. 10. INFORMATION REQUIRED OF PUBLIC WITNESSES.

In clause 2(g) of rule XI, amend subparagraph (4) to read as follows:

"(4) Each committee shall, to the greatest extent practicable, require witnesses who appear before it to submit in advance written statements of proposed testimony and to limit their initial oral presentations to the committee to brief summaries thereof. In the case of a witness appearing in a non-governmental capacity, a written statement of proposed testimony shall include a curriculum vitae and a disclosure of the amount and source (by agency and program) of any Federal grant (or subgrant thereof) or contract (or subcontract thereof) received during the current fiscal year or either of the two previous fiscal years by the witness or by an entity represented by the witness."

SEC. 11. COMMITTEES' SITTINGS.

In clause 2(i) of rule XI, strike subparagraph (1) and the designation "(2)".

SEC. 12. EXCEPTIONS TO FIVE-MINUTE RULE IN HEARINGS.

In clause 2(j)(2) of rule XI—

(a) strike "Each" and insert in lieu thereof "(A) Subject to subdivisions (B) and (C), each"; and

(b) add the following new subdivisions at the end:

"(B) A committee may adopt a rule or motion permitting an equal number of its majority and minority party members each to question a witness for a specified period not longer than 30 minutes.

"(C) A committee may adopt a rule or motion permitting committee staff for its majority and minority party members to question a witness for equal specified periods."